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The C.A.R.C. meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM.

The next meeting is *May 15th*, at the **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CENTER!**

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## Skywarn Season Is Here.....

April showers bring May flowers, right??? Tell that to mother nature, because those April showers are continuing right into May, which has already made for a quite active start to our Skywarn season. According to the National Weather Service, the potential for severe weather has a direct parallel to the solar cycle, which runs every twelve years. Since we are at the bottom of a solar cycle, it is predicted that we may see more severe weather this summer than in the recent past. Are you ready for this?? Ask yourself a few questions. Have you attended a Skywarn spotter training class in the past three years? Do you participate in Skywarn nets? Is your radio equipment in good working order (i.e. ni-cads charged, antenna condition, feedline and connector condition, microphone and cord condition, etc.). If you participate in Skywarn, please follow this rule: **BE PREPARED!**



## **Multiple Sclerosis Walk**

On April 14th, volunteer amateur radio operators provided assistance and communication for the Stark County Multiple Sclerosis Walk at Quail Hollow State Park, near Hartville. Coordinating the event was Jack, N8LCS with help from Julius KD8XD, Sandra N8TZB, Judith KA8RSQ and Jeromy KB8VHL. Jack reports that not only did the operators provide emergency communication, but also helped out in the kitchen, hung signs and ran an all-terrain vehicle on the walking path. All this was done in rather inclement weather and those that participated should be congratulated. A nice follow up thank you letter was sent to Jack, thanking everyone for their help.

## **Little Ohio Spring Tour** .....by Terry Russ, N8ATZ

The Postal Service motto starts off with the words... "Neither Rain, Nor Snow, Nor Dark of Night" .... and the same could be said of the hardy souls that showed up for the Little Ohio Spring Tour on Saturday, May 4, 1996. Early morning rains did lower attendance somewhat but not enthusiasm as nearly 200 riders braved the day for the sake of their hobby and as usual Ham Radio was present keeping a watchful eye over the participants. A total of nine volunteers and one standby provided communications for this years event. A special Thank You goes to the following for your help... At the rest stops were Gordy - K4FID, Ed - WA8DRT, and Dennis - N8UDL and yours truly Terry - N8ATZ as NCS from the start/finish point at Tuslaw High School. Handling SAG duty was Nelson - W8EAR, Barry - WB8LSV, Denny - K8NIB, Jim - WD8OIZ and Paul - KF2AA. Paul - KB8VAS was also standing by on frequency in case back-up was needed. The weather turned pleasant and I'm glad to say that except for a few mechanical breakdowns, a safe and enjoyable day was had by all. A special thanks to all volunteers from Bob Gooding, Stark County Bicycle Club president. My thanks also to Randy - WA8SMQ and Lance - K8VPJ for the use of the 443.20 and the 147.075 machines. Both excellent repeaters that provided us with solid communications from the Dellroy rest stop. A PS to Denny - K8NIB, the broomstick antenna mast did such a fine job it may become a permanent part of my gear ! Thanks again to all and I look forward to working with many of you again this fall at FOUND..

## **Timken Mercy Medical Center Health Run**

Saturday, May the 4th was a very busy day for amateur radio and public service. In addition to the LOST ride, the Timken Mercy Medical Center held their annual Health Run. This public event took place in the morning, starting from McKinley High School. There was a 1.2 mile family health walk, and a 4 mile race. John, N8WHH coordinated the amateur communications with help from Dale KB8LWP, Julius KD8XD, Roger WA8AHK, and Paul KF2AA. Many thanks and a job well done to those who helped out!

## **C.A.R.C. Foxhunt**

The Canton Amateur Radio Club held their (first in a long time) Foxhunt on Saturday, May the 11th. The hunt started with an initial meeting in the parking lot of the Stark Technical College at 1:00. Here, the hunters were given the rules and regulations of the hunt, the frequency and a general description of the hunting grounds. Our designated fox, Paul KF2AA, was hiding in the hills of Jackson Township and our job was to find him.



Roger, WA8AHK was the first hunter on the scene and was immediately awarded the prize money of \$25.00. Roger simply used a Realistic HTX-202, his intuition and a bit of luck to find Paul in about 40 minutes. (Just goes to prove that you don't have to own a lot of DF equipment if you know and understand your own equipment!) The hunt continued till about 3:00 to allow others to continue testing their abilities. Afterward the hunting party, and fox met at the local Hardee's for eyeball QSO's and to share stories.

Those that participated had a good time. It was a good opportunity to test your equipment, your skills and abilities. We hope to continue these events this summer, and I hope we have better weather next time!!

### **VE Exams This Month**

Just a reminder, that the Canton Amateur Radio Club will be sponsoring a VE testing session May the 25th at 8:00 a.m. at the Emergency Operations Center of Stark County in the basement of the Stark County Sheriffs office on Route 62 East. Gary WC8W, our volunteer VE, and his assistants will be testing for all elements and CW speeds. If you are wishing to take a test that day you are asked to please be prompt.

### **C.A.R.C. Field Day 1996**

Looking at the calendar, it looks like field day is just right around the corner. There is lots of planning and preparation to be done. As if that was not enough, we have recently learned of some new dilemmas. First off, we are in need of a field day site. Due to circumstances beyond anyone's control, we will not be able to use the Dearman Farm this year (thanks for many years of hospitality Frank and Daryl!!!) Roger and Dale are working on alternative sites. The Nimishillen Grange and the Canton City Parks are being strongly considered. If you have an idea for a site, please contact Roger WA8AHK @ 478-0437.

Secondly, we will be in need of VHF/UHF equipment and antennas for our station. Rich KG8VU, who had loaned the club his equipment in the past, has move out of the area. We need beams, amps and all-mode rigs if we want any points in this category. Again, if you can help, contact Roger WA8AHK @ 478-0437.

### **Safety Break**

The Canton Amateur Radio Club will be operating a Safety Break, May 31st through June 3rd at the northbound rest area of I-77, just north of Dover. Sandy KB8FZX is coordinating the volunteers for this event and she is still in need of more. If you could donate six hours of your time, morning, day or night, please contact Sandy @ 492-7785. Also, we are looking for donations of cookies. If you or your spouse are handy in the kitchen, please help us out and donate some of those great home made cookies!

This is a very nice public service for our club and a great fund raiser. Those that have helped out in the past have had a great time and a lot of fun, so come on! Get involved!!



## C.A.R.C. Minutes From April 17, 1996

The regular meeting of the Canton Amateur Radio Club was called to order by President Dale, KB8LWP at 7:30 p.m. A round of introductions followed with 35 members in attendance.

**Treasurers Report:** Dispensed due to hospitalization of Treasurer Larry, K8RMY.

**Secretary's Report:** Sandra N8TZB, reported that there were no additions or corrections to the March minutes, and a motion was made and passed to accept the minutes as published.

**Old Business:** Ron, KA8FTP is suggesting a move in the 10 meter frequency portion of the K8JZN Stark County Mutual Aid Net, so that novices and tech plus's could check in. Roger, WA8AHK is looking for help from anyone who could help out with VHF/UHF and satellite contacts for field day this year. Ron, KA8FTP is looking for help in the HF tent on field day. John, N8WHH reporting that the 6 meter antenna and triplexer have arrived. John and Dave, WD8AYE to coordinate the install at the EOC. Review of skywarn backbone frequencies.

**New Business:** Rich, KB8NPX expressed his concerns about "unfriendly" mail he received from what he believes to be our local "jammers". Dave, WD8AYE reporting about 70 amateur operators in attendance at the Skywarn spotter training class in April at Stark Tech. Next years class already scheduled for next year, around spring break. Dave also reporting that there are only 81 registered spotters with NWS in Stark County. We need to get others trained and registered with NWS. Forms are available for updating your spotter number with NWS from Dave. Sandy, KB8FZX looking for volunteers for the Safety Break and cookie donations.

**Ken's Report:** As always, Ken W8EK gave a very informative report. Thank you for your time!

**Program:** Paul, KF2AA gave a very informative program on his experiences in DF'ing and an explanation of his techniques and equipment, including a demonstration of the club owned doppler unit. Thanks for your time Paul!

A motion was passed to adjourn the meeting for donuts, coffee and those famous eyeball QSO's.

## Welcome to New Officers

We would like to extend a warm welcome to two new officers this month. Denny Frey, K8NIB has taken the trustees position of Rich, KG8VU who has moved away. Also, Bill Teeters, KB8SXE has taken the club secretary's position of Sandra, N8TZB who has resigned due to personal reasons. We welcome you both and look forward to working with you.

## Club Repeater

The club's 2 meter repeater was off the air for a short time last month due to a failed power amp. Thanks to the help of Jerry KA8AHF and Doug N8GNO and a few bucks, it's good as new.





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